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H PASS HONORABLE LAWTON CHILES, UNITED STATES SENATE, WASH DC

REF: YOUR LETTER OF JULY 20, 1978.

1. PLEASE EXCUSE THE LONG DELAY IN RESPONDING TO YOUR JULY 20
LETTER ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE FORMER OWNERS OF THE BONNIE VIEW
HOTEL. YOUR LETTER DID NOT ARRIVE HERE UNTIL AUGUST 31.

2. AS YOU KNOW, JAMAICA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES ARE VERY LOW;
THEREFORE, ANY RELEASE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE
BANK OF JAMAICA. PERMITS TO RELEASE SUCH FUNDS REQUIRE INVESTIGA-
TION ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND THEREFORE CAN RESULT IN DELAYS.
THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS UNFORTUNATELY AFFECTS SOME U.S. CITIZENS AS
WELL AS OTHERS. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO
HELP AMERICAN CITIZENS OBTAIN THEIR FUNDS. WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE
SOME SUCCESS IN THIS AREA SOON, AND WILL TAKE UP THE CASE OF THE
FORMER OWNERS OF THE BONNIE VIEW, AS WE PURSUE SEVERAL OTHER CASES
OF A SIMILAR NATURE.

3. WE WILL OF COURSE KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOP-
MENTS.
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